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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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## **Public Open House Announced for Fire Management Plan**

**Brecksville, Ohio** – The National Park Service (NPS) will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. on January 31, 2013, at the Boston Store Visitor Center, in order to seek public input on issues related to fire management at Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Boston Store Visitor Center is located at 1550 Boston Mills Road in Peninsula, 44264.

The NPS is updating its current Fire Management Plan to comply with policy and provide long-term direction for wildland-fire response, fire prevention, and use of prescribed fire. The proposed plan includes potential use of prescribed fire at two additional sites to improve habitat and manage burnable fuels. The two locations include the former Richfield Coliseum site in Richfield Township and the Terra Vista Natural Study Area in the Village of Valley View.

The public -can also provide input and find details about the planning process and other information online at the NPS's Planning Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva. Click on "Fire Management Plan" to access information about the planning process. The public is encouraged to provide comments via the PEPC website but also may submit written comments by mail to Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, attention: Fire Management Plan. Comments will be accepted until February 15, 2013.

For more information, please contact Chris Davis at 330-342-0764 x5 or christopher\_davis@nps.gov.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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